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Los Angeles City Council President Pro-Tempore Mitchell Englander to Join Oak View Group as Executive Vice President of Government Affairs

LOS ANGELES -- Oak View Group (OVG), the global sports and entertainment advisory, development and investment company, announced today that Los Angeles City Council President Pro-Tempore Mitchell Englander will be vacating his seat at the end of this year and joining OVG as their new Executive Vice President of Government Affairs effective January 1, 2019.

“Serving on the Los Angeles City Council has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my entire life and has gone way beyond a career. If I ever dreamed of fulfillment beyond what being a Councilmember has brought me, it would be to make a significant difference in even more lives and communities. Tim Leiweke, Irving Azoff, Francesca Bodie, and their entire team have presented me with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do just that -- to join a force that has become a positive disruption to business as usual in the sports and live entertainment industry,” said Englander. “Beyond that, this is an opportunity to work with the most respected and brilliant minds in their industry. They are not only passionate about their work, they care deeply about improving lives in every community they work in.”

Tim Leiweke and Irving Azoff commented, “Mitchell is extremely well-respected inside City Hall and well-liked all around the City. He brings with him a wealth of Los Angeles governmental experience and a fresh perspective. We are thrilled to welcome him to OVG.”

A personal statement from Councilmember Englander is attached.

About Councilmember Mitchell Englander:

Mitchell Englander serves as Councilmember representing the 12th district of Los Angeles. He was first elected in 2011. In 2013, Englander was selected by his peers on City Council to serve as Los Angeles City Council President Pro Tempore. Prior to being elected Councilmember, Englander served as the Chief of Staff for eight years to Councilmember Greig Smith.

Englander began his professional career as a Public Relations specialist providing consultation for political and advocacy campaigns on local, regional, and national issues eventually founding his own company specializing in government consulting and crisis communications.

Additionally, Englander has served on the boards of and advised multiple non-profit and charitable organizations throughout his career focusing on issues of healthcare and at-risk youth. In 1997, he helped create the American Diabetes Association Los Angeles Political Roast. The annual event has continued for 21 years bringing together political leaders from across Los Angeles to raise money for diabetes treatment, prevention, and awareness. The event has raised over $6 million since its founding.

Englander serves as an LAPD Reserve Officer with the Fugitive Warrants division and has also worked Patrol, Vice, and Gangs & Narcotics.

As Councilmember, Englander serves as chair of the Council's Public Safety Committee which oversees the activities and operations of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Homeland Security, Counterterrorism, and LA's Emergency Preparedness and Response. In that capacity he led the effort to implement Fire STAT which uses data and predictive methods to reduce emergency response time for firefighters. He has also piloted and expanded the use of Nurse Practitioner units to conserve life-saving medical response resources. Under Englander's committee leadership LAPD became the largest police department in the country to fully adopt the use of on-body cameras by LAPD's officers increasing transparency and trust between law enforcement and the communities they protect.

Councilmember Englander also serves as Vice Chair on the Council's Budget & Finance committee managing over $10 billion annually and on the Council's Planning and Land Use Committee, the Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee, the Ad Hoc Jobs Committee, the Executive Employee Relations Committee, and Local Area Formation Committee. He also represents the City of Los Angeles as a member of the Independent Cities Association, California Contract Cities Association, and the National League of Cities.

Mitchell Englander was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley. He has raised two daughters and lives with his wife Jayne and their two dogs in Granada Hills.

About Oak View Group:

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